

## Great Feminine Victory

### More Men in Full Petre in British House of Commons

LONDON, March 2.—Chair after chair by excited groups of undergraduates, in Westminster Palace, yards greeted the news that the Women's Enfranchisement Bill had passed its second reading in the House of Commons on Friday. The vote was 271 to 92 and the opponents to the measure made no objection to the vote, its promoters concerning to a committee of the whole, which effectively shelved the bill for the session. This procedure enabled the House to treat the bill rather in the nature of a resolution of opinion than a legislative proposal.

Party lines were ignored in the voting. The measure is identical with the bill that was defeated on March 18th, 1907. The Right Hon. Herbert Gladstone, Home Secretary, who spoke for the government, favored the principle of the bill but thought that public opinion would have to be moved before any effort could be given to an outcry. Undoubtedly, he said,

there had been a growing movement in favor of granting suffrage to women, but it still lacked numbers and it had not been demonstrated that women as a whole desire the privilege of voting.

Throng of women awaited the result in the vicinity of the House. Large detachments of police were there to guard against possible disturbances. Friends and foes of the bill alike pitched their speeches in the House in a humorous key. Eugene Wason humorously quoted Dryden, to the effect that "women's one great desire was for sovereignty." "That means," he added, "dropping suddenly from poetical heights," "getting you under the thumb and keeping you there."

Last year the Speaker allowed the bill to be talked out. This time he accepted the motion for closure, then a vote of 271 to 92 the House rejected the hostile amendment and decided to refer the bill to a committee of the whole.

## Correspondence

### THE TELEPHONE QUESTION.

Strathcona, March 2, 1908.  
To the Editor of the Chronicle:

Dear Sir,—Regarding the telephone question which the long-suffering residents of Strathcona have been waiting to see settled, a word of advice to the City Council may be in season, if the deal has not been closed with Edmonton. The "Strawger System" is practically the American Bell under a new name, and this province is going to have an interesting time shaking the Bell monopoly. If this automatic system is no superior to the manual one why have not the Bell Company installed it in such cities as Winnipeg and Calgary when they operated large exchanges there? As a matter of fact all "automatic systems" are in the experimental stage and towns installing them to-day may be the objects of deary thought experience later on.

To put the case in a nutshell, this province is going to have a government owned system, and Strathcona may as well adopt it now as later. If repairs, additions or alterations are required the staff of the government telephone are right here to attend to such things, whilst the Strawger headquarters are in Chicago. Also the government rates have been given and we know exactly what we are up against. The action of Edmonton should be no criterion for Strathcona as the foolish extravagance across the river in such fads as boulevards, paved paving, a few blocks of street railway, sidewalks and sewers to tap outlying real estate ventures, etc., have plunged Edmonton hopelessly in debt with very little to show for it, and incidentally no decent drinking water as yet. The infamous talk of "sister cities" and "intolerance in common" is all very well for the northern city, which doubtless would be only too glad to draw in our thriving and financially sound little burg, to share their inflated assessments and heavy taxation.

Let us continue "sister cities" but each doing for own housekeeping; no entangling alliances at the expense of the smaller sister.

We can have government phones for \$50 and \$15. Understand what price automatic?

Yours truly,

"RESIDENT."

## DANCING.

To the Editor of the Chronicle:

Dr. Sir,—Evangelist McHardy's remarks on dancing seem to cause offence to some, and no wonder. The Christian man or woman who dances must be in a very low state of spirituality. The world is wrong, and must have such amusements as dancing, theaters, concerts, etc. The Christian does not require such, and ought to have no use for them. The Christian's plain life is immeasurably higher than a worldly's. The joys of religion fill or ought to fill the hearts of those who are saved, and they do not require such amusements as dancing, etc. We do not read of any instructions in the New Testament as to how a Christian ought to behave in a dance hall. "Bevellers" and such like belong to the world, they do not know better, and dancing belongs to that category. The great error of the present day is the not dividing between the Church and the world, although the Bible is distinct on this, but we are all getting so liberal now-a-days that we make no difference between "the sheep and the goats." We are all good, and attend church regularly, etc.

Yours truly,

TEACHER.

## The Beauty of Strathcona City

In Saturday's special edition of the Calgary Alberian, which by the way is a very creditable six-page production, and shows how the Calgary advisers advise their city and those who advise a short article by Dr. Billy of the University. It is, along the familiar lines, but the following noteworthy appreciation of the beauty of the University site deserves commendation.

The University site has been selected in the city of Strathcona, immediately across the Saskatchewan river from Edmonton and just opposite the proposed legislature buildings. It consists of 288 acres of land. The elevation above the river valley is about 200 feet, while the frontage on the river is twenty-one hundred feet. In connection with its surrounding, it constitutes one of the most beautiful sites in Canada. I am not aware of any site approaching it in beauty west of the city of Ottawa. At present it is a beautifully wooded park which will lend itself splendidly to an architectural scheme suitable for university purposes.

## CHICAGO POLICE CHARGED WITH SUBORNATION OF PERJURY.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Eighteen-year-old Jim McVarr, who yesterday morning was the Bohemian fortune-teller, Herwig Wilk, of the murder of six members of the Vrat family, has, it is announced, retained in an affidavit declares that the testimony was simply perjury.

In the affidavit, to be handed to the court March 20, the supreme court has affirmed the judgment, destroying the man's last chance, unless Gov. Denison shall issue a pardon.

Not only does the Vrat boy impugne his own evidence, but he declares that two of his relatives also lied.

In the affidavit the boy states that all the vital part of his testimony was perjury, taught him by a high police officer and an assistant state's attorney. He specifically names the men whom he accuses.

In the affidavit Vrat boy is now a student in Valparaiso, Ind.; asserts that he told the story because a police officer threatened him with the murder unless he did as the officer wished.

The credit for polishing off the fictitious narrative is given to an assistant state's attorney, with whom, he says, he was closeted 40 times, the conferences being from one to four hours in duration.

He further asserts that the inspector of police summoned him at least 50 times, and that these conferences usually lasted two hours.

## A GREAT PLAY COMING.

"The Noble Outcast," which occupies the boards at the Strathcona theatre, is one of the most popular comedy-dramas ever written. Since its first production in 1888 it has been continuously running on both the American and English stage. It is full of dramatic intensity and compels "utterate laughter" on the audience. Mr. Sidney W. Morris has engaged Mr. Irving Berry to play this piece in Strathcona and several other towns in Alberta under a heavy money guarantee, and it is anticipated that the Strathcona playgoers will not fail to appreciate a treat when it is produced.

## PAID FOR THEIR CURIOSITY.

(Special to The Chronicle).

Minneapolis, March 2.—As a result of a terrible explosion of a potash in their home two boys are dead and another seriously injured. The potash was stored in a garret and the boys out of curiosity began handling it and playing with it.

## Wanderers Beat Ottawa Stanley Cup Series

Montreal, March 1.—After a great battle in the Arena Saturday night, the Wanderers defeated Ottawa four to two in a game that practically decides the western championship as well as the possession of the Stanley Cup, which the Wanderers previously held. Never this hard-fought battle, the two thousand were turned away. The crash at the door was so great that hundreds gained admission by forcing doors and smashing windows reached with ladders. Crowds waiting for seats were at the rink before five o'clock in the afternoon and when the doors opened at six o'clock there was a terrific rush till the unreserved sections were filled. Sixty-six policemen were called out, but they were powerless to handle the mob clamoring for admission when the doors were opened for the reserved seats and ticket holders and hundreds without tickets jammed in the entrance and could not be gotten out. After the crash the front of the big rink looked as if it had been attacked with a Gatling gun.

The game itself was a desperate battle. At half time Ottawa led 1 to 0 and had the better of the play for a period, although the goal which was scored by Phillips was lucky, rather than a slow one that slipped by Hearne.

In the second half the Wanderers cut the pace and maintained a reputation as great stayers. The score was tied after twelve minutes and then the cup holders took the lead. Ottawa made the score 2 to 1 but the Wanderers came back with two more.

The play was strenuous and rough throughout. Officials, Toronto and Sherbrooke men, were lenient in the first half but freely penalized in the second half, when the Ottawa men were off for a total of 36 minutes and the Wanderers for 19. Phillips, Ottawa's \$15,000 player, was off for 11 minutes in the second half. Ottawa was more brilliant of the forward line, but were not able to last a killing pace like the Wanderers' quartette. On the defense, the Wanderers were better; Ross and Smith, who are great rushers, getting three of the four goals. The line-up was:

Wanderers	goal	Ottawa
Hearne	point	Lescar
Ross	cover	Palford
Smith	rover	Taylor
Glass	centre	Westwick
Stuart	rights	Walsh
Johnson	left	Smith
Blackford		Phillips

## THE WEATHER.

Winnipeg, March 2.	High.	Low.	temp.
Edmonton	12	0	fair
Calgary	14	6	cloudy
Lethbridge	13	3	fair
Rattleford	19	10	fair
Swift Current	14	2	cloudy
Prince Albert	14	2	clear
Regina	14	6	cloudy
Manitoba	21	6	clear
Winnipeg	20	4	cloudy
Port Arthur	24	0	cloudy

Bulletin: Some light snow falls have occurred throughout the prairie since last night. Thursday is moderately cold but much colder in northern districts than other parts.

Forecast: Continued cold to-day and Tuesday, light local snow falls.

## 900 IMMIGRANTS LANDED.

(Special to The Chronicle).

Halifax, March 2.—The immigration season opened with a rush yesterday, when the Empress of Ireland arrived from Liverpool with nine hundred settlers on board.

## Quebec Bridge Report

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The royal commission handed its report on the collapse of the Quebec bridge to the minister of railways, and after consideration is noted it will be presented to the Commons next week.

It is understood the report clearly shows the collapse was not in any way due to a defect in material or construction, but to a defect in design.

The details were carefully and thoroughly worked out, but proceeding on the general formula now adopted as a standard in bridge construction, the designers, in a mass of detail, seem to have lost sight of one great point, namely making proper provision for the maximum strain on the great central span, an undertaking greater than ever before attempted in bridge construction.

It seems that the engineers failed to recognize that the usual formula as to weight and strain was not applicable without considerable modification in this instance.

The design is a beautiful one, and according to the best principles of bridge building, but the weight of the great middle span was too great for the members. No flaw was found in the material supplied by the Phoenix Bridge company. The chief engineer of the Phoenix Bridge company is primarily responsible, his design being afterwards approved by Cooper, consulting engineer of the Quebec Bridge company, each being considered the best authorities on the continent in the matters of bridge construction.

The bridge design was later approved by the government. That the defects of the design can be remedied and the bridge constructed is now the opinion of the engineers. The commission makes no judicial finding of responsibility of the government or the Quebec Bridge company for the collapse. Responsibility for financial loss involved will have to be settled later.

## CHAIRMAN OF RAILWAY COMMISSION DIES SUDDENLY.

Ottawa, March 1.—Judge A. D. Killam, chairman of the board of railway commissioners, who was taken ill with pneumonia Friday, died this morning.

Winnipeg, March 1.—News of the sudden death of Judge Killam in Ottawa this morning was received with profound regret here, where for so many years he was closely connected with the development of the city and the province. He came here in 1879 from Windsor, Ont., where he had already made his mark as a young lawyer of brilliant parts. His residence in Winnipeg was continuous up to his appointment as chairman of the railway commission in 1905, but he had been a frequent visitor of the city since, the last occasion being at Christmas. From the first he made a conspicuous mark in legal circles and his elevation to the bench was warmly welcomed by the entire province. As a judge he held the highest confidence of the public, while his administrative personal qualities afforded him to a very wide circle of friends.

A Liberal in politics, he represented South Winnipeg in the legislature for a single term in the eighties, but found it difficult to secure re-election too insistent and he did not seek re-election.

His mother, Mrs. Geo. Killam, is still living here, as are two sisters, Mrs. J. W. E. Darby, wife of Dominion lands official, and Miss Marie Killam, secretary of the Manitoba Educational Department. He is survived by one child, Geo. K. Killam, member of the local firm of Allan, Inglis & Killam, financial agents.

## Daring Attempt to Rob Winnipeg Bank

Winnipeg, Man., March 1.—Saturday night about 8 o'clock while the Logan Avenue branch of the Union Bank was open for business, three armed men entered the bank and commanded the teller, W. F. Jones, and the manager, A. E. Ray, to throw up their hands. Taken by surprise, the latter could not reach for their revolvers, but they immediately dropped behind the counter. The desperadoes promptly fired and Teller Jones received a ball chest through the fleshy part of his arm. The desperadoes disconcerted by the dropping out of sight and range of the two and realizing that in a few moments the bankers would be likely be armed and fearful that the shots had already attracted attention, swiftly walked out unobserved and unnoticed got away. The chances of arrest are said to be slim. The Union is common to other banks having savings departments are accustomed to open on Saturday evenings to enable wage earners to promptly bank a portion of their wages.

## BOMB THROWN AT PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

Buenos Ayres, March 1.—President Alcora, of Argentine republic had a narrow escape to-day when a dynamite bomb, which was hurled at him while driving, failed to explode. Four arrests were made, but the police refuse to give out the details of the plot. It is believed the affair is the aftermath of recent political unrest in the country, due to the intervention of January 25 of an executive decree closing the extraordinary session of congress and putting into effect for current year the budget of 1907.

## MAPLE LEAVES PLAY IN MONTREAL NEXT WEEK.

(Special to The Chronicle)  
Ottawa, March 2.—The Stanley Cup trustees have fixed March 10 and 12 as the date for the games between the Wanderers and the Winnipeg Maple Leafs for the Cup in the event of the Wanderers winning their remaining game with the Shamrocks on Wednesday.

## VITAL STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY.

Births..... 26  
Marriages..... 21  
Deaths..... 13  
(Continued on next page)

## Re Government Seed Grain

Arrangements have been completed for the purchase of seed grain as may be suitable for seed purposes throughout Alberta. Mr. Castle, the purchasing agent, has appointed Mr. C. Nairn, of Edmonton, buyer for that portion of the province tributary to Edmonton, and Mr. Wm. Carson, of Calgary, for that portion of the province tributary to that city. Grain will be purchased in large lots only, and of the following grades:

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## Curling

The game for the Pictadilly Cup medals between Kilchen's rink and Downes' rink will be played to-morrow (Tuesday) night at 8 o'clock.

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**CURRENT COMMENT**

"The Compensation Act" is good for the "workingman" is the caption of a pamphlet which is being distributed by the government at the expense of the people to the miners and wage-earners of the province. The pamphlet is so partial and such a grotesquely unfair presentation of the case that the men for whom the Act was designed cannot help having their suspicions aroused as to the real merits of this wonderful piece of legislation.

The above from the Morning Journal is rather startling. We had fancied that the government were so ashamed of the career of their Compensation Act that they were going to lie low and bring in a respectable measure of workmen's compensation by means of an amending act before they stood before the tribunal of the people at the election. That they should become pamphleteers of this measure is certainly strange. As introduced it was possibly the worst and narrowest measure of compensation that any legal man could have framed with the material in the way of other Compensation Acts and the law which Mr. Cross had at his disposal. If the Attorney General has earned any renown from the act it has been on account of the Machiavellian ingenuity which he has displayed in making the Act as narrow in application, as cumbersome in operation, as preposterous with the possibilities of political pull, and as interminable in the matter of appeals as possible.

There is one thing that the government forgot when they embarked "in the political pamphlet" business at the expense of the people and that is that, with regard to compensation, the average working man knows just as much as if not more than the government and will refuse to be hoodwinked. Members like the member for Lethbridge may be able to persuade labor men like Mr. Sherman to groveling blessings and to damn the bill with faint praise, but the great voting working man population cannot be deceived. They know that the Bill as introduced was the worst possible. They know that, even now amended as it has been through the protests of the opposition and of the labor leaders it is a very poor substitute for what should have been proposed. They also know that the measure demanded by Mr. Robertson has these qualifications: Wisdom of application, simplicity of dictation, generosity of compensation, and absence of appeal.

The working men know this and they will remember. All the pamphletizing of the government, all the flattering platitudes of the government press, and all the distortion of facts by the government supporters cannot obscure the issue. The working men know that they have been betrayed by the government and they have the right to be angry.

"The Calgary Altarian says it hopes that Gleichen, Langdon and Strathmore will meet together and decide upon one spot for the college, and then fight it. And further says: "It would seem, from the outlook at present, that the college of agriculture is to be located in southern Alberta. The government has made no declaration, that the college should be near the university. The strongest argument in favor of the location of an agricultural college is that experiments should be made both with and without irrigation. In this respect Gleichen and Magrath are equally well provided. But although Gleichen has the more central position, the people of Magrath have the support of the solid south, and this will go a long way in the race."

The Altarian is right. Gleichen, Strathmore and Langdon should be united, not only with regard to the college, but in many other matters, and let us hope the three boards of trade will get together and settle all difference. The interests of the three places are very similar and in many matters they would help each other.

The above from the "Gleichen Call" shows the determined and united stand that is being made in the south to rob Strathcona of her rights as the University City.

Why cannot the City of Edmonton press take up the same position towards Strathcona as the City of Calgary press does towards the south. But no, it seems that unless a public building is coming to Edmonton herself she has absolutely no interest in the affairs of her younger sister.

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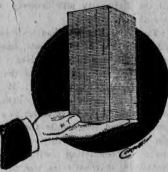
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## Chronicle Literary Columns

There are few lovers of high class romance that are not familiar with Stanley Weyman's works. "Under the Red Robe," and "A Gentleman of France," are too well known to require any introduction for their authors. Like many another first rank writer Weyman's greatest successes have been achieved in literature dealing with one particular period and phase of life. He has set his novels in various settings, but those which deal with the French Renaissance period of the seventeenth and early part of the eighteenth century are justly considered his masterpieces. The following short story entitled "Farming the Taxes," has the real Weyman ring in it:

In the summer of the year 1608, determining to take up my abode, when I met in Paris, at Villenon, where I had lately enlarged my property, I went thither from Rouen with my wife, to superintend the building and mark out certain plantations which I had projected. As the heat that month was great, and the dust of the train annoying, I made each stage in the evening and on horseback, leaving my wife to proceed at her leisure. In this way I was able, by taking rough paths, to do in two or three hours a distance which her coaches had scarcely covered in the day; but on the third evening, intending to make a short halt by a ford on the Vancois, I found, to my chagrin, my advantage on the other side, the ford when I reached it at sunset proving impracticable. As there was every prospect, however, that the water would fall within a few hours, I determined to wait where I was until morning and completed my journey to Houdan in the early hours.

There was a poor inn near the ford, to which I made my way with Malignan and La Trappe, who formed, with two grooms, my only attendants. On coming near the house and looking about with a curious eye, I remarked something which fixed my attention, and, for the moment, brought me to a halt. This was the spectacle of three horses of fair quality feeding in a field of growing corn near the inn. They were trampling and spilling about with a curious eye, I remarked that they had strayed into the place, and the house showed no signs of life, I bade my grooms fetch them out.

Suddenly a man came round the round the corner of the house, and seeing us, and what my men were doing, began to gesticulate violently, but without sound. He ran up to my stirrup, his face flushed and smiling. "Do you want to see us all raised?" he muttered. And he begged me to call my men out of the corn. "You are more likely to be ruined that way," I answered, looking down at him. "Why, man, is it the custom in your country to turn horses into the half-tide corn?"

He shook his fist stealthily. "God forbid," he said. "But the devil is within doors, and we must do his bidding."

"Ah!" I replied, my curiosity aroused. "I should like to see him." The door shaded his eyes, and looked at me sulkily from under his matted and tangled hair. "You are not of his company?" he said, with suspicion.

"I hope not," I answered, smiling at his simplicity. "But your corn is your own. I will call the men out." On which I made a sign to them to return. "Now," I said, as I walked my horse slowly toward the house, while he tramped along beside me, "who is within?"

"Monsieur Gringet," he said, with another stealthy gesture. "The tax-gatherer."

"Oh! and those are his horses?" He nodded.

"Still, I do not see why they are in the corn?"

"He has no hay?"

"There is grass."

"The keeper nodded sullenly, while his wife stared at me. 'What is the matter with him?' I said. 'The goat. But for that he would have been gone these two days to collect at La Meunier.' 'Ah!' I answered, beginning to understand, 'and the salt is for a bath for his feet, is it?' 'The woman nodded. 'Well,' I said, as Malignan came in with his saddlebags and laid them on the floor, 'he will swear still louder when he gets the bill, I should think.' 'Bill?' the housewife answered bitterly, looking up again from her pots. 'A tax-gatherer's bill? Go to the dead man and ask for the price of his coffin, or to the babe for a nurse fee! You will get paid as soon. A tax-gatherer's bill? Be thankful if he does not take the dish with the sop!'"

While I stood in the middle of the kitchen, debating whether I should order the servants to fling the fellow out, and bid him appear before me on the floor, or should have him brought up there and then, the man's coarse voice, which had never ceased to growl and snarl above us, rose on a sudden still louder. "Something fell on the floor over our heads and rolled across it, and immediately a young girl, hardfooted and short-skirted, scrambled hurriedly and blindly down the ladder and landed among us."

"She was sobbing and a little blood was flowing from a cut in her lip; and she trembled all over. At sight of the blood and her tears the woman seemed to be transported. Snatching up a saucepan, she sprang toward the ladder with a gesture of rage, and in a moment would have ascended if her husband had not followed and dragged her back.

But the woman, whom her husband had only half pacified, shook her fist at the ceiling with a laugh of defiance. "Strick! ay, you may shriek; you wretch!" she cried. "You must be waited on by my girl, must you—no other face will do for you—and you best her? You have her in corn, must they, while we eat grass? And we buy salt for you, and wheat and bread for you, and are beggars for you! For you, you thieving wretch, who tax the poor and let the rich go free; who—"

"Silence, woman!" her husband cried, cutting her short, with a pale face. "Hush, hush, he will hear you!"

But the woman was too far gone in rage to obey. "What! and is it not true?" she answered, her eyes glittering. "Will he not tomorrow go to La Meunier and squeeze the poor? Ay, and will not Lescaut, the corn dealer, and Philippon, the silk merchant, come to him with bribes and go free? And De Fouville and De Curtey—they with a de forsooth!—plead their nobility and grease his hands and go free? Ay, and—"

"But how long has your friend up stairs been here?" I interrupted. "Two days, monsieur," she answered, wiping the perspiration from her brow and speaking more quietly. "He is talking of sending on a deputy to be absent! But Heaven send he may recover and go free from here! him self!"

"Well," I answered, "at any rate, we have had enough of this noise. Malignan!" I continued, "tell the man and tell him that the inn is not his private house and that he must groan more softly; but do not mention my name. And let him have his brim bath or there will be no peace for anyone!"

Malignan and La Trappe, who knew

me, and had counted on a very different order, stared at me, wondering at my easiness and complaisance. But the woman's statement had suggested to me a scheme of punishment more refined; and which might, at one time, be of profit to the King's treasury and a lesson to Gringet.

(To be continued.)

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